

Appln. No.:10/784,425

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REMARKS

The Office Action issued the restriction requirement for claims 1 through 58. However, at the outset, the applicants wish to inform the Patent Office that the applicants had filed 1 through 59 claims not 1 through 58 claims in the preliminary amendment mailed on February 23, 2004. The clarification on the current status claim 59 is respectfully requested.

The Office Action issued the following restriction requirement:

Claims 1-6, 11-38 and 41-51 drawn to a method of making polymers classified in class 526, subclass 234+ (Group I).

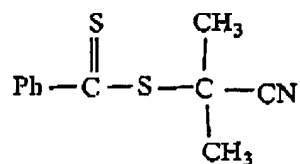
Claim 7 drawn to compounds classified in various classes (Group II).

Claims 8-10, 39, 40 and 52-58 drawn to a method of making polymers classified in class 524, subclass 80+ (Group III).

In order to be responsive under 35 U.S.C. § 121, applicants hereby elect Group I claims 1-6, 11-38 and 41-51 drawn to a method of making polymers classified in class 526, subclass 234+ without traverse.

The Office Action also directed the applicants to elect single species. To be fully responsive, the applicants hereby elect without traverse the following species:

1. The polymer in claim 1 of formula A wherein $p = 1$.
2. Monomers of repeat unit (Q) wherein U in the formula is H (hydrogen) and V in the formula being aryl as Rⁿ, ultimate species being phenyl.
3. Thiocarbonylthio compound of formula C wherein Z is aryl, ultimate species being phenyl and wherein R is substituted alkyl, ultimate species being propyl substituted with cyano, i.e., thiocarbonylthio compound of formula 15 in claim 6.



4. 1,1'-azobis(1-cyclohexanecarbonitrile) as a free radical source.

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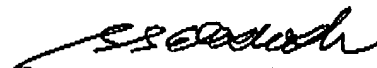
For the polymer species, attention is drawn to EXAMPLE 83 and to Entry 1 in Table 44 in the specification.

In view of the foregoing elections, applicants have now complied with the restriction requirements.

Applicants noted minor typographical errors in claims 47 and 48 and have taken the opportunity to correct the errors.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. Should the Examiner wish to discuss any issues involved in this application, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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